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SUBJECT: CALL BY APOLLO-SOYUZ CREWS ON SYG WALDHEIM

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1. TENTATIVELY AGREED SCHEDULE FOR TOUR BY APOLLO-SOYUZ TEST PROJECT (ASTP) CREWS PROVIDES FOR VISIT TO SOVIET CITIES SEPTEMBER 21-OCT 5 AND VISIT TO US CITIES FOR TWO WEEKS BEGINNING OCTOBER 13. SCHEDULE CALLS FOR ASTP CREWS TO BE IN NEW YORK OCTOBER 25, WITH SOVIET COSMONAUTS DEPARTING FOR USSR ON OCTOBER 26. WE PROPOSE THAT CREWS MEET WITH SYG WALDHEIM ON OCTOBER 25 TO PRESENT: (1) UN FLAG FLOWN ON ASTP MISSION (ALTHOUGH TO BE PRESENTED TO WALDHEIM, FLAG IS INTENDED AS PRESENT TO UN ORGANIZATION), AND (2) PERSONAL MEMENTO TO WALDHEIM (PROBABLY WOODEN PLAQUE MOUNTED WITH SMALL UN FLAG). ALTHOUGH PRESENTATION COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY SIMPLE CEREMONY IN SYG OFFICE, IT WOULD BE MORE DESIRABLE COMING AT END OF US TOUR IF PRESENTATION COULD BE COUPLED OR COMBINED WITH LUNCHEON

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IN HONOR OF ASTP CREWS. IF LUNCHEON COULD BE ARRANGED,

WE BELIEVE GUEST LIST COULD BE LIMITED AS MINIMUM TO TOTAL OF 13 (5 ASTP CREW MEMBERS, 2 NASA AND 2 SOVIET SPACE OFFICIALS, AND 2 USUN AND 2 SOVIET MISSION REPS).

2. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT SECRETARIAT TO DETERMINE IF SYG WALDHEIM WILL BE AVAILABLE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 TO RECEIVE ASTP CREWS FOR PRESENTATION OF TWO ITEMS MENTIONED ABOVE. MISSION SHOULD ALSO SEEK TO DETERMINE WHETHER WALDHEIM WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO GIVING LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF ASTP CREWS. IF SO, MISSION COULD INDICATE THAT MINIMUM GUEST LIST WOULD BE 13 PEOPLE MENTIONED ABOVE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED HOWEVER, THAT THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE 5 WIVES OF CREW MEMBERS OR OTHER MEMBERS OF US AND SOVIET PARTIES (SOVIET PARTY TRAVELLING IN US WILL COMPRISE ABOUT 17 PERSONS INCLUDING 2 INTERPRETERS, AND US HOST PARTY WILL BE SOMEWHAT LARGER). WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE BY COB TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2. INGERSOLL

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